

City of Springfield  
Water Pollution Control Section  
Pollution Complaint/Report Form

Date 6/3/91

Report From:

- ☐ Citizen  
☐ Fire Dept  
☒ Sewer Maintenance  
☒ Other DAVID GREEN - ST. DEPT.

Received By: R. LYMAN

Referred To: BOB CONSON

Date of Incident: 6/3/91

Complainant Information:

Name DAVID GREEN (772)  
Address ST. DEPT.  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Directions(if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Possible contamination of: ☐ soil ☐ groundwater  
☒ surface water what body? \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Pertinent Information \_\_\_\_\_

Who to contact:

- |   |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DNR 417-883-4033     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Schaefer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Const           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DNR 314-634-2436     | <input type="checkbox"/> CU 831-8320  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemtrec 800-424-9300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EPA 913-236-3378     | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Dept  | <input type="checkbox"/> DOT                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Dept 864-1719   | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Dept  | <input type="checkbox"/> NRC 312-790-5500      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Dept 864-1719 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Maint  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____           |

Details of Incident: PARK + BROWER - SEWAGE? IN  
DITCH.

Action needed: FIELD INSPECTION

6/3/91 INSPECTED AREA. OBSERVED CLEAR WATER  
IN STORM SEWER ALONG BROWER. CHECKED SEVERAL  
MANHOLES IN AREA OF COMPLAINT. ALL WERE  
FLOWING WITH NO APPARENT PROBLEMS. AFTER  
CALLING DAVID GREEN ON THE RADIO I DIS-  
COVERED HE HAD OPENED A FIRE HYDRANT  
UPSTREAM TO WASH THE MATERIAL AWAY.  
WE WILL INSPECT LATER IN THE WEEK.

800 N. MARION

747  
N. PARK

2'8  
N. MARION

### Investigation Results

6/10/91 RECEIVED ATTACHED MAP FROM  
SEWER MAINT.

CONTACTED MRS. BERRY, TOLD HER OF  
PROBLEM, AND WILL WRITE LETTER.

7/1/91 INSPECTION OF PROPERTY AT 800 N. MARION.  
HOSE DOES NOT TERMINATE AT GRATE, BUT COULD  
NOW TRAVEL TO YARD.

7/2/91 WROTE MEMO TO BUILDING REGULATIONS.

Department of Public Works

830 Birchall

Springfield, Missouri 65802

(417) 864-1900

REC'D

DATE

6/10/91

TO:

Bob/Steve

LOCATION:

Please forward to:

FROM:

R.

For your information

X

For your signature

For your comments

As you requested

For your approval

Prepare reply for my/your signature

Please call/see me on this

Please return

Please take required action

X

Please file

MESSAGE:

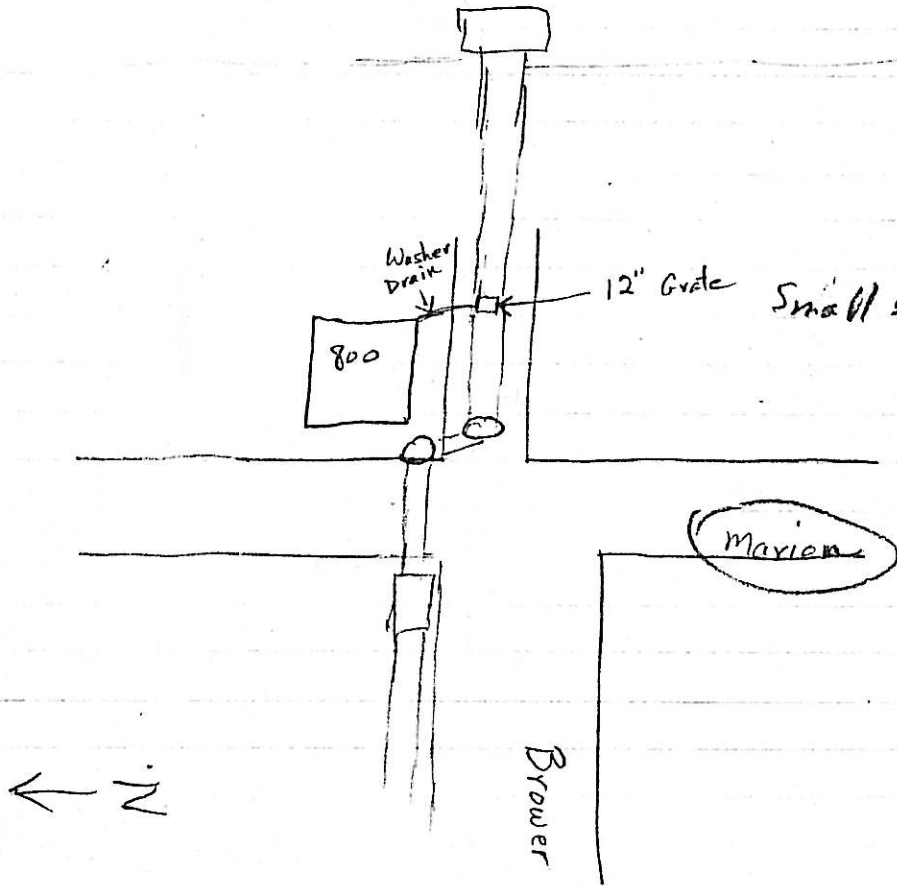
RE: PREVIOUS COMPLAINT  
AT THIS ADDRESS.

800 N. Marion

6.7.91 9:15 am  
JL RB BR

Nichols Park

Investigating odor in storm sewer



Small storm sewer Grate in driveway  
Black pipe from house  
to grate, Smell of  
fabric softener and  
soap suds at downstream  
storm sewer inlet

Very recent private sanitary  
sewer line run to rear.

Resident indicated plumber  
not done

DOLLIE M. BERRY  
800 N. MARION  
OZ

Pipe could have been  
portable and not being  
used previously.



June 10, 1991

Ms. Dollie M. Berry  
800 North Marion  
Springfield, Missouri 65802

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
Section 30-12: Wastewater Discharge

Dear Ms. Berry:

This letter will confirm our conversation on this date during a complaint investigation at your home located at 800 North Marion concerning the discharge from a cloths washing machine to the storm sewer. The drain from the washing machine is apparently connected to a black flexible hose that terminates near and is tributary to a grated inlet over a storm sewer located in your driveway.

The wastewater typically generated by cloths washing is unsuitable for discharge to a storm sewer. Storm sewers are designed for the transportation of unpolluted waters only, while polluted waters such as is in question in this case should be tributary to the sanitary sewer. The sanitary sewer serving your home conveys the sewage to a treatment plant where the pollutants are removed before release to the stream.

This office can appreciate your situation where the hose has been tributary to the storm sewer for twenty-six years, but had this office been aware of the situation at any time during that time period it would have required the drains removal. This situation was not detected by routine surveillance but as the result of an investigation following complaints received from the neighborhood.

The discharge of washing machine wastewater to the storm sewer shall cease, and allowing for the relocation of the waste line if you so desire, no discharge of laundry wastewater to the storm sewer shall occur after July 1, 1991. The proper disposal practice would be connecting the washing machine drain to your building sewer so that it can be treated at the wastewater treatment plant. This task can be performed by a plumber of your choice.

In summary, the washing machine drain shall be removed from the storm sewer. An acceptable disposal alternative is connecting the drain to the existing sanitary sewer. Allowing the water to drain to your yard, as suggested by you during our phone conversation this afternoon is not an acceptable  
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alternative due to the health problems it could produce.

If you have any questions please feel free to call this office at 864-1924.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Short". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Steve Short  
Water Pollution Control Inspector

cc Robert R. Schaefer, P.E., Supt. of Sanitary Services  
Steve Meyer, P.E., Sanitary Engineer  
Randy Lyman, Sewer Surveillance and Billing Supervisor  
file (2)



CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM


TO: Mary Beth Houser

DATE: July 2, 1991

DEPT.: Building Regulations  
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Re: 800 North Marion

The residence of Ms. Dollie M. Berry, 800 North Marion, has been the subject of a complaint investigation and subsequent Notice of Violation for a clothes washing machine discharge to a storm sewer. On this date a follow-up inspection was made to determine compliance with the N.O.V. dated June 10, 1991, copy attached. Results of the inspection revealed the majority of flexible discharge hose had been removed from the washing machine drainline that exits in the southeast corner of the structure. About two foot of hose remains stubbed through the wall and Ms. Berry indicated she intends to continue using her washing machine. This satisfies the letter requirements, but continues to be an apparent violation of code, which the Building Regulations Department should be aware. Ms. Berry has been uncooperative in conversations and action. Feel free to call 1924 for further information.

  
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Steve Short  
Water Pollution Control Inspector

Attachment

cc Randy Lyman  
Kay Compton Logsdon, PIO  
file (2)